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C.I.A. Used Satellites for Spying On Antiwar Protesters in U.S.

WASHINGTON, July 16 (UPI) — The Central Intelligence Agency used intelligence satellites in the late 1960's to spy on American students engaged in antiwar demonstrations, a series of formerly classified documents disclosed today.

The papers revealed the C.I.A. also monitored foreign broadcasts of antiwar activities by Jane Fonda, the actress, and former Attorney General Ramsey Clark.

The C.I.A. papers said the questionable spying on Americans — ordered "at the request of" President Johnson's White House — was an attempt to check "possible foreign connections with the U.S. antiwar movement."

The C.I.A. eventually conceded the spying — a possible violation of the agency's charter — had failed to find any links between foreign institutions and American antiwar activists.

The Center for National Security Studies, a privately financed research organization generally critical of American intelligence activities, obtained the documents under a Freedom of Information Act request.

The C.I.A. collected the documents, known colloquially as the "family jewels" because of their closely guarded, sensitive nature, during an in-house investigation ordered by James R. Schlesinger, the agency's Director at the

time.

Mr. Schlesinger, now Energy Secretary, requested a report on all C.I.A. activities that might be considered outside the agency's authority. The agency's charter forbids the it from engaging in domestic intelligence activities.

The key document in the package — a May 8, 1973, memorandum to Mr. Schlesinger from Edward Proctor, then deputy director for intelligence — provided a list of activities "possibly outside C.I.A.'s legislative charter."

The area garnering the most interest was the spying from space on American students, called in the documents a "review of satellite imagery from NASA programs to identify photographs too 'sensitive' for public release."

The document did not indicate whether the pictures were used to estimate the size of demonstrations or were enlarged to identify individuals taking part.

The cameras on the American spy satellites, which operate at altitudes higher than 100 miles, are said to be accurate enough to record objects the size of a suitcase.

The C.I.A., according to the documents, also kept unclassified files — mostly newspaper clippings — on "extremists" such as H. Rap Brown and Eldridge Cleaver, the black activists.